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May 7, 2012

Mr. Steve Gagnon U.S. Army Corps of Engineers PO Box 2946 Portland, OR 97208-2946

RE: Public Notice of Permit Application for Coyote Island Terminals LLC; US COE Number NWP-2012-56

Dear Mr. Gagnon:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above referenced permit application. The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) believes that the project that Coyote Island Terminals seeks to permit could have the potential for significant adverse environmental impacts. Ecology is especially concerned about cumulative impacts because the present proposal is one of several proposed projects aimed at expanding coal export capacity within a defined geographic region (i.e., the states of Washington and Oregon). For that reason, and as more fully described in the enclosed comments, Ecology requests that the Corps prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prior to making any decisions on the permit application.

Thank you for providing us the opportunity to comment and for your attention to the important issues raised by the present proposal. If you have any follow-up questions, please feel free to contact Brenden McFarland in our Shorelands & Environmental Assistance Program at 360) 407-6976 / brenden.mcfarland@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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